

REMARKS

In the Action, "claims 1, rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Edo '584."

In this respect, Edo '584 cited in the Action was filed on January 16, 2004, while the present application was filed on February 23, 2004 claiming priorities of March 14, 2003 and May 26, 2003. Namely, the priority dates of the present application are earlier than the U.S. filing date of Edo '584.

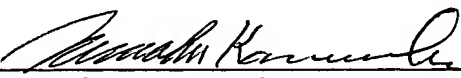
The priority documents were filed on May 21, 2004. Now, verified translations of the priority documents have been filed herewith, and priorities of the Japanese applications are claimed.

Since the priority dates of the application are earlier than Edo '584, please withdraw Edo '584, as a reference.

Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

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